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Dear Congressman Burton and Beth Clay:

In September of 1998, Beth Yetley of the US FDA apparently violated current US law at the Codex meeting of the Committee on Nutrition and Special Dietary Use in Berlin Germany.

It is my understanding that it is illegal under current US law for the FDA to do ANYTHING which would harmonize our laws pertaining to dietary supplements to more restrictive international laws or proposed Codex regulations, yet by lending credence to the pseudo-scientific concept of establishing safe upper limits, "U.L."s for vitamins and minerals, the FDA gives the appearance of attempting to assist the multinational pharmaceutical industry to move BEYOND the consumer generated impasse at Codex on Agenda Item #5, (Vitamins and Minerals).

It makes no sense to develop "U.L."s for vitamins and minerals because ANY substance, (even WATER) is toxic at some level, and they have never established "U.L."s for FDA approved pharmaceutical drugs, despite the fact that over 150,000 people in this country die from identified adverse drug reactions (see separate email for references).

In addition to ignoring your request that they remove the second paragraph from the US comments on agenda item number 5 (vitamins and minerals), due to this matter, FDA apparently also ignored your request to not table the NAS document titled "A Risk Assessment Model for Establishing Upper Intake Levels for Nutrients". This pseudoscientific document was created by mainstream nutritionists, some of whom appear to have a vested interest in creating pharmaceutical derivatives of natural products for their own personal gain.

It employs fancy sounding acronyms based on the fraudulent so called "RDA" in order to confuse us, and appears to hide an agenda of getting dietary supplements regulated as "drugs". There is nothing valid about the "U.L.", the D.R.I., the L.O.A.E.L" or any of the OTHER terms found within this document, which was illegally tabled at Codex in an effort to assist in moving BEYOND the consumer generated IMPASSE. We need an oversight hearing to closely investigate the intentions of those who generated this

unscientific document, and we need for Dr. Yetley to be questioned regarding possibly violating the Will of Congress, and the Will of the American people. We request that the FDA call for the complete withdrawal of the current draft proposal for vitamins and minerals.

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